

Replies to letter of MPs

†1719. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any norms have been fixed for sending acknowledgement and final reply to letters received from Hon'ble Members of Parliament;

(b) whether it is a fact that replying the letters of the Hon'ble Members of Parliament takes a lot of time and several Ministries/departments/public firms some times take more than five/six months time; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for prompt reply of the letters written by very very important persons and Members of Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) The procedure for communications with Members of Parliament has been laid down in para 63, 66 and 127 of the 12th edition Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure (CSMOP).

(b) and (c) The procedures contained in CSMOP provide for monitoring and disposal of communications from Members of Parliament in a timely manner. The Government of India issues instructions from time to time to ensure strict compliance of these instructions.

Uprooting of prevailing corruption

1720. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has suggested some points to uproot the prevailing corruption in the country;

(b) if so, the actual and factual details thereof and by when it is expected to be circulated for implementation; and

(c) whether it is a fact that after implementation of these points, the corruption shall be wholly uprooted in the country?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) The Prime Minister in his keynote address to Conference of CBI and State Anti-corruption Bureaus on 17.11.2006 has emphasized on an integrated approach for dealing with corruption. The fight against corruption is an ongoing process and Government is fully committed to it.

OBc candidates qualifying IAS exams

†1721. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the candidates of OBC category alongwith year of qualifying of their exams who have finally succeeded in an IAS exams but got deprived of training due to creamy layer during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the period since when their cases have been pending alongwith the details of their specific reasons;
- (c) the details of the candidates where candidature has been cancelled; and
- (d) the details of the action being taken by Government alongwith the last date of taking decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) The creamy Layer status of candidates of OBC category recommended by UPSC in Civil Service Examinations of last three years was verified by Department of Personnel and Training. Only one candidate namely Ms. Tanu Kashyap was found to fall under creamy layer and was not allotted any service. None of the other candidates has been deprived of training. Ms. Tanu Kashyap has also now been sent for training *vide* letter dated 16.11.2006 as per interim order of the Hon'ble Delhi High Court.

- (b) Does not arise.

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